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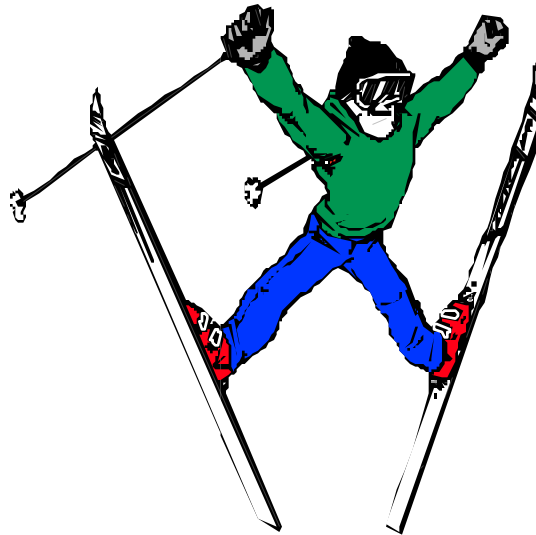
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**GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY**

**20 March 2001  
5:00 PM**

**\*\* NRL Bldg. 72 \*\*  
(New Location)**

**REFRESHMENTS**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the last Ski Blast the club has taken 72 skiers to Sunday River Maine for a week, gone to 7-Springs on a twilight trip, and on a Sunday trip 1 March to 7-Springs again, and went on a great trip to Timberline on 8 March, which broke the record for the most one-day trips in a season – 8. We have a group flying to Grindelwald, Switzerland for a week of skiing as I write this. To celebrate this most successful season the club is offering ½ price bus fees (\$11) to members only for our Wild Card trip on Wed. 14 March plus free snacks and refreshments..

I would like to thank Susan Piatt & Denise Elliott for all their hard work on the Sunday River trip. What a fabulous trip and such a great group of people (72 people – another record.). Thanks to all those that helped with the loading & unloading of the buses - we have become experts. And thanks to those that helped and contributed to the potluck dinner and Friday lunch.

It's a shame we didn't have more people go on the Timberline March 8 trip. because the conditions were outstanding. Everyone had a great time. Jimmy drove and it only took 3 hours & 40 minutes. Remember to tip the driver the best you can – we want to keep them happy. See you at the general meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

This is Dave Roberts saying – THINK SNOW!

*Dave*

## CHANGE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Farewell to Denise Elliott, a Director at Large, who has taken a new job and is no longer working at the Naval Research Lab. This unfortunately makes it impossible for her to attend the monthly Board meeting so she has resigned from the Board of Directors. Thanks Denise for all your time and effort as a Board member, and good luck in your new job – we will miss you. (Denise will, however, still be an active member of SSSC, and hopefully still run ski trips.) Joe Mackrell, first runner up in the last elections, has been unanimously voted in to fill Denise's slot. Welcome, Joe.

## ODDS & ENDS

This column is for your use. It can be used to sell items, advertise for items wanted, announce births, engagements, marriages, deaths, etc., or anything else you feel would be of interest to the general membership. Simply send your notice to: [marciashepherd@aol.com](mailto:marciashepherd@aol.com). MSWord format is preferred. If you do not have access to e-mail, please forward typed copy to:

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Items must be received by the first Friday of each month for inclusion in that month's issue.

**For Sale:** Shaped skis – 198 cm K2 Scorchers (no bindings). Like new. \$30 Call Eugene George (301)567-0255.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

SSSC would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Ken & Serry Lease	Ned Bruntrager	Denise Hemmer
Paul Hurlbut	Wes Warrick	Patrick Fines
Joe Mihelcic & Family	Beth MacGuire	Robert Easton
George & Maggie Tedesco	Kyle Bryant	Colleen Carlson
Tim Meehan	Ilano Cervesato	Eric Bahrenberg
Glenn & Lorie Holland	Phillip Ketner	
Doris Wetherbee	Dan Jones & Family	

We hope you'll enjoy all of our activities and become active members.

## **CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE**

**Remember our new meeting place - the training room in Building 72. Entrance to this meeting room is through the U.S. Post Office door at the front of Bldg. 72. If you have any questions call any of the Board members who are listed on the front page of this newsletter.**

## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

The February meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> was held in Bldg. 72 and was well-attended. This change of meeting place has encouraged a number of non-NRL members to attend the general meetings. After a short business meeting, members shared pictures from the Sunday River and Big Sky trips and enjoyed snacks and refreshments. Members were urged to sign up for the upcoming 7-Springs Twilight trip on Friday. Joan Dalton and Mike Asbery won the two door prizes – a free bus trip.

## **MYSTERY SKIER**

The mystery skier has been revealed. Lionel Thomas was the first to correctly identify Dave Bowman as the mystery skier and wins a free bus trip. Interestingly, after the fact many people said they knew who it was but assumed someone else had already won the trip and didn't bother to call. Lionel just happened to mention in casual conversation at the February meeting that he knew who it was, and since no one else had identified the mystery skier Lionel won the free bus trip.

# **2000-2001 TRIPS**

## **SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE**

This year's trip to Sunday River Maine was the Biggest Ever - over 70 participants and five great days of skiing - each one surpassing the previous one so that on Friday many of us just wanted to stay! Each of the peaks offered excitement and challenge to skiers at all levels. Even some of the more beginner skiers were adventurous and accompanied several of us from the regular practice area all the way across to the far right where the long famous "Lollapalooza" run is located. Then we skied across Kansas on the top - I'm especially proud that these troopers as well as other beginners worked really hard and now are able to attack some of the blue slopes enthusiastically!

One of the unique features of Sunday River is their excellent Ski School - we have many from this year's trip that took advantage of the inexpensive group lessons and progressed amazingly fast! In most cases there were no more than 4 in the classes - and in fact sometimes only 1!

Any one else want to join us next year?!?

Dave Susan Denise

As a reward for reserving this trip early (in August) the resort at Sunday River once again gave the club a brand new pair of Rossignol shaped skis (177 cm). These skis will be auctioned off at the April meeting to all members in good standing.



*Life is good in Sunday River*

## GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND

As this newsletter goes to press eleven Snow Searchers are in Switzerland for one glorious week of skiing in Grindelwald. Be sure to read their report in the next issue of the SkiBlast.

## ONE-DAY TRIPS

February 23 was the annual twilight trip to **Seven Springs**. For those of you who hate the 5:00 am bus rides, this is the trip for you. The bus leaves about 8:00 in the morning and returns about 10:30 or 11:00 at night. This is always a fun trip, and this year was no exception. Twenty-two people signed up for the trip and reported great skiing. Trip leaders were Paul Boran (202)767-2297 and Denise Elliott (202)404-3749. Good job.

The **Wisp** trip on Wednesday, February 28, had to be cancelled due to lack of participation, which was understandable. The weather had turned warm with quite a bit of rain, so conditions were not the best. It's hard to fight Mother Nature. Anyway, many thanks to trip leaders Denise Elliott and Dave Bowman for all their efforts

Our Sunday trip this year was on March 4 to **Seven Springs**. This is a good trip for those who have children in school, or are not able to get away during the week. Thirty-eight people took advantage of this weekend trip. Leaders were Brad Kuhn and Don Gubser.

Thursday, March 8, brought us to **Timberline, West Virginia** – a fun place to ski. This resort doesn't have an extensive network of slopes, but what are there are very enjoyable. Everything was exceptionally well-groomed, with little to no ice and the skiing was excellent. Trip leaders were Dave Roberts and Marcia Shepherd.

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Remember, if you drop a check and trip application form in the SSSC box at the Rec Club please inform the trip leader that you have done so. That box is not checked on a regular basis, and you cannot assume that you have been added to the trip unless you speak to one of the trip leaders.

## HIKING/KAYAKING TRIP

The Ski Club of Washington, DC – a sister club in the Blue Ridge Ski Council – is running a hiking/kayaking trip to Alaska in July. See the enclosed flyer.

## **MARCH MEETING**

The ski year is just about over and the time has come to start thinking about the elections in April. The meeting on March 20 will be concerned with nominations for the upcoming elections. If you would like to run for a position come to the meeting and put your name on the nomination list.

## **REMEMBER**

**A CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS MEMBERS**

**GET INVOLVED!!**

SKI CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC

## Alaska Hiking and Sea Kayaking Kenai Fjords National Park

JULY 14, 2001 - JULY 28, 2001

COST: \$1,850 (Guests \$1,880) Add \$1,000 to Sea Kayak.  
See Cancellation Policy on the next page before signing.

PAYMENTS: Hiking Only - Deposit \$450; 3 payments of \$400 due Jan 3, Feb 1, March 1, and \$200 due April 1.  
Kayaking - Deposit \$450; 6 payments of \$400 due Jan 3, Feb 1, March 1, April 1, May 1 and June 1.

Alaska - Hiking - KayaWng - Camping - Adventure - Awesome - Come experience with us the Alaskan coast where the mountains and ocean meet. Hike through rainforests to pristine lakes, past blue glaciers and ice fields. Hike with sheep, mountain goats, marmots and bear. The sea kayak option will take you past glaciers, waterfalls and mountains, and camp on sandy shores at night. We will sea kayak in Kenai Fjords National Park and see whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, puffins, bald eagles and other wildlife. This trip offers clean air, good exercise, plenty of photo opportunities and inspiration. This trip is for any hiking and kayaking experience level.

*Sea Kayak Option: For an additional \$1,000 we are offering an optional five days of sea kayaking in the Northwestern Fjord near Seward on the Kenai Peninsula in substitution for hiking in the Homer area. Please call or e-mail Eric Welch for more information.*

We leave from National Airport on July 14 for Anchorage and stay in three B&Bs in downtown Anchorage. The next day we pick up vans and travel to the Kenai Peninsula and stay in Seward. On July 16 the hikers will stay and hike in the Seward area for five days while the kayaking group will go with Sunny Cove Sea Kayaking Company for five days. When the kayakers return, they will stay in Seward and the others will travel to Homer to hike in the Cook Inlet area. On July 27 everyone returns to Anchorage. After an afternoon and overnight in Anchorage, we depart for home.

The fee includes: roundtrip air from National to Anchorage on Northwest; ground transportation to the Kenai Peninsula; two nights in Anchorage B&Bs including breakfast; mini-van rentals for two weeks; and eight nights lodging at Seward Resort and lodging in Homer B&Bs including breakfast. The kayaking option fee includes all the above except lodging in Homer, plus Sunny Cove Outfitters (including meals, guides, equipment). Not included are tips, local transportation within Anchorage, transfer from airport to Anchorage, other meals, special events such as boat tours, National Park entrance fees, and other expenses.

If you have questions don't hesitate to contact us. Eric can be reached at (410)573-9010 or e-mail [WCSI@erols.com](mailto:WCSI@erols.com), and Donna Brother can be reached at 703 435-8315 (home). Send payments made payable to SCVIDC to Eric Welch, 161 Crane's Crook Lane, Annapolis, Md 21401. Please complete the following and return it to Eric with your next payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical conditions we should know about? Y/N If so, please describe:

I have read and accept the cancellation policy.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CANCELLATION POLICY: A person who cancels at any time is responsible for all unrecoverable expenses and/or penalties identified below. Participants will be replaced only if the activity is full and after full pay **At sign-up \$130**  
**March 1 \$1261**ment is received from a replacement. Replacements are made in the order of cancellation.  
If there is no one on a wait list a participant may find their own replacement.

**NON-REFUNDABLE SCHEDULE: Unless a participant can be replaced, the following non-refundable fees will be imposed.**

**HIKING OPTION:    DATE:                    AMOUNT (Includes \$30 Cancellation Fee)**

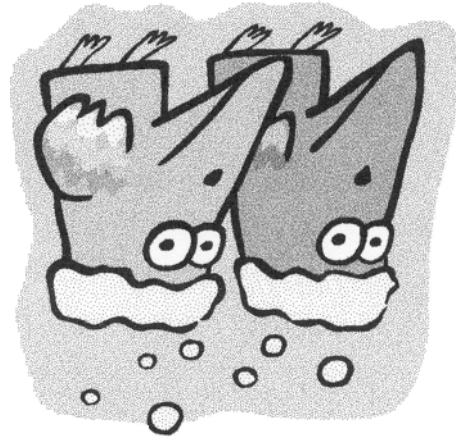
<b>At sign-up</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Full amount</b>

**KAYAKING OPTION:    DATE                    AMOUNT (Includes \$30 Cancellation Fee)**

<b>At sign-up</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>\$1261</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Full Amount</b>



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